Migrants in Multiethnic Slovakia: Contemporary Problems and Historical Roots

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The territory of today’s Slovakia was settled by different ethnic groups who early on developed a multiethnic coexistence. Among them were Germans and Wallachians, both representing large and powerful groups that migrated into parts of this West Slavic territory. They were followed by groups of South and East Slavic peoples and some Czechs and Magyars who ruled neighboring regions. Jews and Romanies were also present. Residing together for centuries, these groups had a strong cultural impact on what we consider the traditional Slovak way of life.

Now, the new political circumstances after 1989 shape the way that the various ethnic groups in Slovakia address their political and economic problems. Moreover, given the geo-political position of Slovakia, historically new groups of migrants from “third-world countries” who consider Slovakia a convenient passageway to Western Europe, are joining the mix.

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